By the Queene.

The Queenes Maiesties Proclamation, declaring her Princely intention to inhibite her Subiects vpon most extreme paynes from offending on the Seas, any persons in their Ships or goods, being the Subiectes of any Prince, Potentate or State, in Amitie with her Maiestie.

THe Queenes Maiestie vnderstanding of some complaints made against certaine of her Subiects, who go to the Seas with Letters of Reprisal to recouer recompence of the King of Spaines subiects for the notable iniuries and losses by arrests and other barbarous cruelties committed in Spaine and Portingale against them and many others (whereof no remedie could euer be had by order of Iustice) should vnder colour of seeking to recouer the proper goods of the Spaniards, both take the Ships and goods of diuers subiects of other Princes and States being in Amitie with her Maiestie: Although all such courses haue bene euer odious to her Maiestie, and alwayes seuerely punished, whensoeuer any such things haue bene duely prooued: Yet her Maiestie whose care is infinite to preserue Iustice, as one of the maine pillars of her Estate, whereof not onely her owne conscience is sufficient testimonie, but all her actions (if they be duely considered) haue left sufficient proofe of the same: Hath commanded both her priuie Counsell and the Lord high Admirall of England, with all other the officers of her Ports and marine causes, to cause the trueth of all these generall complaints to be heard and examined with all expedition: And as they shall be found true, to see both restitution and full recompense to bee made to her friends subiects, that are damnified: And the offendours to bee grieuously punished, as farre forth as the nature of their offences might deserue.

And for further proofe of her Maiesties Princely meaning in this case towards all Kings, Princes and States in Amitie with her Maiestie, Shee declareth her intention to be, (and so commandeth it to be executed) That if any person whatsoeuer shall vpon the Seas take any Ships that doe belong to any subiects of her friends and allies with whom shee is in Amitie, and after knowledge had that the sayd Ships doe belong to her friends, doe not forbeare to stay them, or shall take out of them any goods belonging to her sayd friends, shall suffer death, with confiscation of lands and goods. And forasmuch as her Maiestie is informed of some complaints that some of her Marchants ships trading aswell into the Straights as to other places in league and Amitie with her Highnesse, being strongly furnished (as reason is they should be) for the defence of themselues against the violence of the enemies, should also offend and endamage her Maiesties good friends vpon the Seas, vnder colour of taking the subiects of the Spanish King: Her Maiestie straightly chargeth and commandeth all her louing Subiects for preuention of any such suspicion hereafter, that none of them shall send to the Seas any ships by way of trade or traffike, but they shall also enter into bond before the Lord high Admirall of England or his officers, to the full value of his ship, furniture and victuall, that the company of that ship shall not offend, indammage, hurt, rob, or spoyle any ship or vessel of any her Highnes sayd friends or allies, vnder paine of confiscation of such ships as shal be sent to the seas before such bonds so entred. And to the intent that all persons may vnderstand with what conditions all persons seruing on the Seas against the Spaniards are licensed, her Maiestie hath commanded that the very condition of the parties bonds that are licensed, shall be annexed to this Proclamation: the which being duely obserued (as her Maiesties meaning is it should be) her Maiestie doubteth not but her actions shall be thought consonant to Honor and Iustice, and to the allowance of her friends and al-

lies, leauing the falſe calumniations of her enemies, and the reuenge of their wilfull diſturbance of the common peace of Chriſtendome to the iudgement of Almightie God, to whoſe wiſedome and power it onely belongeth. Giuen at her Maieſties Palace of Weſtminſter the eight day of Februarie, in the one and fortieth yeere of her reigne. 381

The forme of the Condition limited to be obſerued by all ſuch as are licenſed to go to the Seas againſt the Spaniardes.

THE condition of this Obligation is ſuch, That where there is Commiſsion of Repriſall graunted vnto A. B. to ſend to the Seas the good Ship called the P. of B. of the burden of Tonnes or thereabouts, whereof I. N. goeth Captaine and Maſter, with men, Ordenance and Victuals, ſufficient for the ſame ſeruice, for the apprehending and taking of the ſhips, goods and marchandiſes of the King of Spayne or any of his ſubiects, as by the tenor of the ſayd Commiſsion more at large appeareth: If therefore the ſayd I. N. with the ſayd ſhippe the P. of B. and her company, doe preſently after their putting to Seas, with all poſsible ſpeede repaire to the coaſts of Spaine, Portingall, the Ilands, and other remote places where the Spaniards and Portingals doe moſt vſe their traffique and trade of Marchandiſes, and doe not attempt any thing againſt any of her Maieſties louing ſubiects, or the ſubiects of the French king, or of the kings of Scotland, Denmarke, or any princes of Italie being in league with her Maieſtie, the inhabitants of the vnited prouinces of the Low countries, and Haunce townes, or any other Prince or Potentate being in good league and amitie with her Maieſtie, but onely againſt the ſayde king of Spaine and his ſubiects, and his and their ſhips, goods and marchandiſes, and doe bring, or cauſe to be brought all ſuch ſhips, goods and Marchandiſes as they ſhall happen to take and apprehend by vertue of the ſaid Commiſsion, together with two or three of the chiefeſt perſons of euery ſhip which they ſhall take, (whereof the Maſter and Pilot to be two) to ſome porte of this her Maieſties Realme of England, as ſhall be moſt conuenient for them, and doe not breake bulke, waſte, ſpoyle, ſell, embezill, or diminiſh any part thereof, vntill they ſhall be adiudged in her Maieſties high court of the Admiraltie to be good and lawfull priſe, and thereupon an Inuentorie to be taken by the Viceadmirall of the place and porte where they ſhall ſo ariue, or his deputie, or other publike officers of the ſame, and an appraiſement be made of the ſayd ſhips and goods by ſome ſixe honeſt men inhabitants of the ſayd porte, and that the ſaid Inuentorie and appraiſement be returned into the ſaid high court of the Admiraltie, within ſixe weekes then next after enſuing: That then &c.

God ſaue the Queene.

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